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SUBJECT:HUMAN RIGHTS HEARINGS SCHEDULED

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY JOHN SALZBERG OF CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S STAFF THAT FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE WILL HOLD ONE-DAY HEARING ON MAY 3 ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA. HEARING APPARENTLY IS INTENDED TO FOCUS ON RECENT TRIP TO BOTH COUNTRIES BY REV. HAROLD SCHULTZ, OF UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, AND REV. ROBERT MOSS, PRESIDENT OF THAT CHURCH. ACCORDING TO SALZBERG, THEY SPENT ABOUT TWO WEEKS IN EACH COUNTRY, VISITING MISSIONARIES.

2. AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN AND COUNTRY DIRECTOR ON APRIL 15 MET WITH SALZBERG AND HALF DOZEN OTHER HOUSE STAFF MEMBERS FOR DISCUSSION OF PHILIPPINE SITUATION, WITH EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS. THIS SESSION WAS FOLLOWED BY CALL ON CONGRESSMAN FRASER, DURING WHICH AMBASSADOR BRIEFED FRASER ON MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSED CURRENT STATE OF U.S.-PHILIPPINE RELATIONS.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: REPORT ANY INFORMATION WHICH EMBASSY
MAY HAVE REGARDING VISIT OF SHCULTZ AND MOSS TO THE
PHILIPPINES.

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